



TOGETHER IN WORSHIP, WITNESS & SERVICE

ST ANNE'S

THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL & METHODIST CHURCH IN DUNBAR

A letter from the Rector

Dear friends,

A couple of weeks ago I spent some time watching live debates in Westminster, as those elected to represent us in Parliament “debated” proposals for a deal for the UK’s exit of the European Union. I was struck that there was a great deal of talking – shouting in fact – and much less listening. There is no doubt our politics is in challenging times.



For the church, embroilment in controversial issues is nothing new. Often we struggle to handle them well. But we do have resources to help us reflect and learn to do better. The book of James contains some good advice for us in these difficult days in the words, “Understand this, my beloved: let everyone



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be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.” Seeking unity is a recurring theme in the scriptures. In all our diversity, we are still one body.

In South Africa, there is a well-known phrase, “ubuntu”. Roughly translated it means “I am because we are.” It picks up on the idea of common bonds that hold us together as community, whatever our differences. We are created to live in relationship, and without each other, we are diminished.



In controversial situations we have to decide how to respond. The easy answer might be to turn away from those with whom we disagree. But this is a slippery slope, disregarding the humanity they share with us. It leads to alienation and the breakdown of relationships.

So what are we to do, when we feel strongly and our tongue would easily serve as a sword? Perhaps in such times, what comes to the fore is the wisdom of silence and the need to listen – to pay loving, careful attention - to the other. In silence we can listen; and careful listening might allow us to identify something we can relate to in the other: love, pain, hope. Silence may very often be the place where solidarity can begin. In the silence we might just hear the still, small voice of God reminding us that we all bear his image. And this is the starting point for finding common ground.



With love, Diana

Methodist Matters!

January saw us bid a final farewell to the Dunbar Methodist Church building as the sale to new owners neared completion. We have been able to bring some heritage boards and the Communion Table from the building to St Anne's. It would be good to develop a leaflet outlining some of our Methodist Heritage for visitors to the church. If you would be interested in being involved in such a project, please speak to Diana.

With the closure of the building, Harbour Lights youth club (formerly a Methodist Ministry but now looked after by Dunbar Area Christian Youth Project) needed a new home. The Vestry has agreed to the club moving to St Anne's on a trial basis until Easter. The transition was helped over Christmas by the children taking part in our very popular crib service, and having a Friday afternoon

Puppet Show to which about 40 people from Harbour Lights and beyond came in December.



This is an exciting move for the children, who are enjoying exploring the church building and meeting in a new space. They even have a new, bigger pool table, delivered in style by the intrepid Mike Shaw (see photo!) This is also an opportunity for us to grow our links with these young people and their families. Many of them live very nearby and have challenging lives. Please do make them feel welcome if you encounter them.

Earth Hour Dunbar

30 March 2019

THIS
EARTH HOUR
#CONNECT2EARTH



SWITCH OFF AT
30 MARCH 2019
8:30PM

60+
EARTH
HOUR

Since 2007, people in over 180 countries have been celebrating our planet and its huge variety of life through Earth Hour. From villages to cities, homes to opera houses, each year lights are switched off in solidarity with global efforts to achieve a more sustainable future.

In Dunbar, the floodlights at the Battery and Dunbar Parish Church will be turned off from 8.30 to 9.30pm and St Anne's Eco-Group are joining with the town's other

churches to organise an evening celebrating the wonders of our planet.

Dunbar Parish Church Hall will open at 7.00pm for a 'bring and share' supper (7.30pm) and candlelit entertainment (8.30 to 9.30pm).

Put the date in your diary and watch the notices for more information – we're looking forward to it!

St. Anne's Eco-Group





Tuesday 5th March, 4pm-5.30pm in Church

**Pancakes - Shrove Tuesday Trivia - Pancake Tossing
Competition**

Free event for all the family

Bring a topping to share!

Pastoral Visiting

If you would like a pastoral visit, or either you or someone else are unable to come to church and would value sharing Home Communion, please contact Liz Gordon (Lay Reader and pastoral care co-ordinator) or Diana Hall (the Rector). We will be pleased to help.

Liz Gordon: 07802 809725

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Stamps and Coins for Unicef

Do you have a collection of foreign coins somewhere, left over from a holiday perhaps? And do you receive mail with stamps on?

Both of these might seem like clutter to you but, as the saying goes, “One person’s rubbish is another’s riches!” Unicef welcomes donations of used stamps and coins to raise money for their work.

Margaret Laidlaw would be pleased to receive your donations.



Every little helps!

Inspire

‘Inspire’ is Dunbar’s friendly ecumenical women’s group, meeting monthly on Wednesday evenings. Our next meetings are:

February 6th - 6.45pm for 7.15pm: **Film Night** (Emma Thomson’s *The Children Act* based on the book by Ian McEwan) and **Bring and Buy Sale** (bring an unwanted gift or something else they have around the house, and some cash to pay up to maybe £5 for something(s) someone else has brought) at Belhaven Church Stables (to the right of the main door of Belhaven Parish Church, set back from the road)

March 6th – *The Ridge’s* Kate Darrah at Diana M’s house, 7 Mayville Park

For more info, contact Heather (heather.kilfara@gmail.com)

All welcome!

Ash Wednesday



Holy Communion with imposition of ashes

6th March, 10.30am and 6pm

Mothering Sunday, 31st March



Come along at 10am for an all-age celebration
of mothers, daughters, and homecoming.

All are welcome!

Women Walking With God 2019

Women Walking With God

SPEAKERS Amy Orr-Ewing
Elaine Storkey ♡ Michele Guinness

WORSHIP Lou Fellingham

VENUE Edinburgh International Conference Centre

DATE 1st – 2nd March 2019

Buy tickets now → www.womenwalkingwithgod.co.uk

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! Psalm 34:8 (NLT)

Women Walking With God is an established national Bible teaching and worship conference for women of all ages and backgrounds. The conference theme this year is *The Banqueting Table*.

Taking place over a Friday evening and all-day Saturday, it's a great opportunity to hear engaging speakers, discover new resources to help you grow in faith and to gather with over 1,000 others to worship together.

Sunday Readings for February and March

If you swap with another reader, please let Diana know. Thank you.

February 3rd – Candlemas

Malachi 3:1-5; Luke 2:22-40

February 10th – 4th Sunday before Lent

Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11

February 17th – 3rd Sunday before Lent

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 6:17-26

February 24th – 2nd Sunday before Lent

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-end; Luke 8:22-25

March 3rd – Sunday before Lent – All Age Worship with Belhaven Hill School

Luke 9:28-36

March 6th - Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 10th – Lent 1

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Luke 4:1-13

March 17th – Lent 2

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Luke 13:31-end

March 24th – Lent 3

Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9

March 31st – Mothering Sunday

Joshua 5:9-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

April 7th – Lent 5 – Passiontide

Isaiah 43:16-21; John 12:1-8

Rotas for February and March

If you swap with another person on the rota, please let Diana know. Thank you.

February 3rd

Sidesman	J Rea
Reading	J Rea
Coffee	A&S Dickerson
Chalice	Liz G
Intercession and Gospel	Liz G

February 24th

Sidesman	G Harley
Reading	C Kavanagh
Coffee	R&M Ling
Chalice	G Wilson
Intercession and Gospel	G Wilson

February 10th

Sidesman	H Kennedy
Reading	J Fleming
Coffee	J Fleming
Chalice	Liz G
Intercession and Gospel	S Morgan

March 3rd

Sidesman	H Kennedy
Reading	E Ritchie
Coffee	J Ramage
Chalice	Liz G
Intercession and Gospel	Liz G

February 17th

Sidesman	A&S Dickerson
Reading	M Cockburn
Coffee	J Ramage
Chalice	G Wilson
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Reading S Morgan
Coffee A Swan
Chalice G Wilson
Intercession and Gospel G Wilson

March 31st

Sidesman J Rea
Reading J Rea
Coffee J Fleming
Chalice Liz G
Intercession and Gospel Liz G

March 24th

Sidesman G Harley
Reading C Kavanagh
Coffee J Ramage
Chalice G Wilson
Intercession and Gospel J Fleming

We hope you enjoy this issue of St Anne's Magazine.

The magazine is published every two months, and it is free both to members of the congregation and to the wider community.

If you feel able to contribute to the cost of producing the magazine, you can place a donation in the donations box in church or in the Sunday collection.

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Thank you

Regular Services

Sunday

10:00 am - Holy Communion

2:30 pm, third Sunday of the month - *Let's Sing*

Thursday

10:30 am - Holy Communion, followed by coffee and discussion

Friday

A Prayer Group meets regularly at Liz Mitchell's house

Church festivals

There are no festivals in February or March

Please see p7 for details of Ash Wednesday services

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